

EN

E-005001/2025

Answer given by Ms Kos
on behalf of the European Commission
(1.4.2026)

On 8 December 2025 in Chisinau, the Media Forum organised an activity of the Building Resilience in Moldova project funded by the EU and implemented by the Institute for War and Peace Reporting in partnership with the Association of Independent Press. Those wishing to participate in the Forum were required to register in advance, with seats allocated through an online registration system.

Guaranteeing freedom of expression and media freedom is a fundamental requirement that candidate countries applying for EU membership are required to meet as part of the enlargement process. The EU has put in place several initiatives which support and protect independent media and journalists¹. These are now part of the EU *acquis* that candidate countries must align with as part of the EU accession process.

The Commission will continue to monitor freedom of expression in Moldova both in terms of alignment with the EU *acquis* and in terms of providing adequate protection for journalists against all forms of intimidation and attacks.

¹ Commission Recommendation (EU) 2021/1534 of 16 September 2021 on ensuring the protection, safety and empowerment of journalists and other media professionals in the European Union: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021H1534>; Commission Recommendation (EU) 2022/758 of 27 April 2022 on protecting journalists and human rights defenders who engage in public participation: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reco/2022/758/oj/eng>; Regulation (EU) 2024/1083 of 11 April 2024 on European Media Freedom Act: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1083/oj/eng>.